



# THE STRIKER STATEMENT

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## REUNION TIPS FROM DOWNRANGE

[For the next several issues of the **Striker Statement**, this column will provide some insights into what is being discussed about reunion with soldiers "downrange" with the hope that soldiers and family members might use it as a conversation starter in the weeks to come.]

### **Reunion Tip #5: Put yourself in their shoes.**

One of the things that may challenge soldiers returning home from an operational deployment is trying to describe their experiences to someone who hasn't been in their boots. How it feels to spend tedious hours at a checkpoint in 130-degree heat, or worry that every pile of trash is an IED, or using a porta-potty in an Iraqi summer. That inability to relate a life changing experience may lead to frustration and loneliness as they return to loved ones that have no frame of reference.

The opposite is equally true! Family members may also feel frustrated in trying to express the hard work and challenges that faced them while their soldier was deployed. This can be compounded when the loved one feels that they aren't appreciated and are left in the background while so much attention is given to the returning soldier.

To avoid those frustrations and the possibility of hurt feelings, here are some friendly suggestions:

- Soldiers, put yourself in the shoes of those whom you left behind. Try to imagine what it would be like if your spouse was deployed in a combat zone. What worries would you have? What responsibilities would you

have? How would you support your deployed spouse?

- Help your family members to understand where you've been by sharing pictures and expressing feelings as a result of the experience. For instance, you may say, "I felt scared..." or "I felt proud..." In short, if they don't have a frame of reference for how you felt, provide one by sharing your feelings.
- Finally, listen! Be intentional about when and how you listen to those who are trying to communicate their feelings. And take control of the environment around you to ensure that when you're ready to communicate your feelings, the setting is just right for others to listen.

A Bible verse fits for this situation: "Do unto others as you would have done unto you." Try to put yourself in your loved ones' shoes and listen!

## REGULARS

It is said of some southern states that their weather goes from winter directly into summer. This week in Baghdad we certainly felt this was true. Three days in a row we saw temperatures above 90 degrees and we were sure summer was here. However the translators tell us (and we saw on Sunday) that we may still get a few cool days before summer sets in to stay.

This week Alpha Company was called on to aid some of our sister units. Second Platoon was called away from the FOB and sent up to Baghdad International Airport to increase the force protection for the Division Headquarters and the support elements stationed there. They will be absent from their counterparts in FOB Regular until mid-March. Just like the mailman, soldiers mission doesn't end just because the weather is less than favorable. In dry climates like here in Iraq, it is often not the rain that hinders operations, but the dust. The strong winds pick up dust and other matter from the dry ground and can fill the air to the point that visibility goes down to next to nothing, just like in a rain storm.





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Bravo Company's troops were on the streets of Baghdad in just such a storm this week. According to SPC Keeling, "This weather isn't as bad as it looks... but it sure is cool to look at."

This week Charley Company finished their gunnery out at Butler Range Complex. Now they are back with their brothers patrolling the streets of Baghdad.



**SFC Huff, SPC Sheelar, and PFC Bradley of Alpha Company pose for a crew picture on a T-72 tank after finishing gunnery at Butler Range. The tank is being prepared for return to the new Iraqi Defense Forces.**

The soldiers of HHC continue to provide all the support missions needed to keep their brothers in the line companies on patrol. In addition to the many tasks needed every week, from providing water, food and ammo, to keeping the maintenance up on all the various vehicles current, they are also performing many more tasks. These tasks represent extra work on top of their already full plates, but they also represent joy, as they are needed to get the troops ready to come home. This week 1LT Brian Hunsacker ran a range that allowed all the personnel of HHC to qualify on their personal weapons. For many of these troops, this was the first time they had fired their weapons since deploying to Iraq. Though the return of warm (soon to be very hot) weather means discomfort on patrol, it is welcome.

With the coming of spring, and a return to the blistering heat of last year, we can see light at the end of the tunnel (and know it is not a train). We

rejoice in the news that we can finally say, "Next month we go home." But till the final bag is packed, the last patrol is debriefed, and the last truck is loaded on the boat for home, we continue to stay focused. After all, we are **"Regulars...By God!"**



**PFC Roszko, SPC Keeling, and SPC Sherwood of Bravo Company patrol the Streets of Baghdad during the middle of a sandstorm.**

## CONQUERORS

Of all the organizations that are helping to provide security in Central Baghdad, one of the most innovative is the Iraqi Civil Defense Corps (ICDC). The ICDC, one part of the "New Generation" of security, is a military force composed of local Iraqis committed to self-defense. The organization is charged with preserving internal security and national institutions. The establishment and development of the ICDC has been one key mission for the Coalition since its arrival in Baghdad.

The Charlie Company (Comanche), Task Force 1-35 ICDC members started with a few local Iraqis who enlisted for one-year commitments. These ICDC soldiers were lightly trained and given the task to assist Coalition soldiers in providing security for the people of Baghdad. There were, however, some challenges in establishing the organization. Initially, ICDC soldiers were issued uniforms used by former soldiers of the former Iraqi Army. They did not appreciate the association with the former regime, and refused to wear the uniforms that were issued to them. Many of the soldiers needed time to adapt to





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the level of discipline required to be an ICDC soldier. Despite several challenges, these soldiers were committed to helping to provide security. One of their initial tasks included identification checks during checkpoint operations.



**CPT Graves,  
Charlie  
Company  
Commander  
with ICDC  
soldier.**

After several months of training, Comanche ICDC soldiers developed the discipline needed in soldiers responsible for providing security for Iraqi neighborhoods and key infrastructure. They were equipped with new uniforms and equipment. The coalition leadership of Charlie Company began to notice the increased potential in the ICDC soldiers. ICDC soldiers were now being incorporated into unit patrols into Central Baghdad neighborhoods. They were required to execute some of the same responsibilities as their Comanche counterparts. This included taking part in pre-combat inspections and preparing for mission execution. In addition, ICDC soldiers were taught to maintain their weapons and equipment by conducting maintenance on them. They were required to uphold standards just like their coalition counterparts.

Comanche ICDC began assuming larger roles during joint patrols and checkpoint operations. They began to prove their ability to eventually become an organization capable of conducting autonomous operations. The Charlie Company, TF 1-35 leadership began conducting squad level training for

these dedicated Iraqi men and women. Training consisted of simple drill and ceremony as well as small unit tactical movements. With this training, the ICDC began to grow stronger and the confidence of its soldier increased tremendously. On the streets of Baghdad, they were becoming more visible, and more dedicated Baghdad citizens expressed interest in joining.



**Charlie company soldiers guarding a checkpoint.**

As more recruits completed basic training and joined the ICDC organization, a more robust leadership was needed. A platoon leader and platoon sergeant were selected and began taking a larger part in planning and executing operations. These new leaders took charge of their platoon by executing training when possible, and enforcing standards. With the number of ICDC soldiers increasing by the day, the ICDC leadership has decided to expand the training of the unit. Training is now being planned for a platoon size element, as well as integrating platoons to train at the company level.

As the Comanche ICDC became more capable, their responsibilities and missions changed. There is no longer a requirement for the ICDC to be accompanied by soldiers of Charlie Company on any mission they performed. Comanche ICDC is now autonomously providing security for an apartment complex. In addition, they are executing joint offensive operations with Charlie Company. During joint operations, these Iraqi soldiers assist in providing security and conducting searches.







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As coalition units prepare for a transition of forces in Baghdad, ICDC will remain constant throughout the city. It may have had humble origins and it may continue to experience normal growing pains, but the Comanche ICDC soldiers have become extremely effective in providing security for the people of Baghdad.

## C. Company Birthdays

**13 Mar** Shayne Dooley

**15 Mar** Paladin Turner

**18 March** C. Company will have a FRG meeting with a potluck and bingo from 18:00 – 20:00. Childcare will be provided. Please RSVP to Sunny Graves at 06783-990842.

**23 March** Battalion-wide reunion training with ACS. Details will be sent by mail once finalized.

## GATORS

### Softball Competition at TF 2-6

With the start of yet another month here in Iraq, the men of TF 2-6 decided to have a little friendly competition. During a beautiful day at Muleskinner Base, the NCOs and Officers of TF 2-6 clashed in friendly competition on the softball field.

Game one was really a one sided competition. In the opening inning the officers did not score a single run. The NCOs on the other hand scored three runs to get the game going, from that point it was pretty much “downhill for us”, said one officer who requested to remain anonymous. SFC Navarro pitched a complete game to get the win and 1LT Milligan was pulled by the officer’s manager after three innings. The game went on to end at 16 to 3. The officers played their hearts out and that was acknowledged by all, but the game was clear cut.

Game two was totally different. The officers came out after pep talk from their player/manager determined win the second game. After the first inning the officers were ahead 3 to 1. The game went back and forth for about three or four innings. In the bottom of the 8<sup>th</sup> the officers went up 9 to 6. Then in the top of the 9<sup>th</sup> the NCOs behind the bats of SGTs Benites and Estelita( both batting 100% on the

day) took the lead from the officers. With the NCOs having the lead in the bottom of the 9<sup>th</sup>, they just needed to hold on. The officers came out fighting behind their teams manager, CPT Payment. With the bases loaded the NCOs began to worry, but they kept their composure and closed the game out 13 to 10, which made the series 2-0 in favor of the NCOs.



**CPT Payment**  
trying to keep  
his team alive!

After the game there was no hard feeling and we all went and mingled amongst each other at the Gator Bite-Inn. The Leaders of the battalion all enjoyed themselves and we hope that when we return to our home station that events like this can continue.



**SSG Spence** preparing to hit the “big one.”

## FRG NEWS

- **How about a special Easter basket?** For \$10 the Easter Bunny will **hop** a gender specific basket to your house. \$20 for adult (ages 16 and up) baskets. Call Helen





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Williams at 06783-9992936 for more information!

- 2-6 is putting together a Yearbook with photos and information from our year long deployment down range. It will be approximately 125 pages and will have a hard cover. Approximate cost is \$25.00 If you're interested in one contact your company FRG Leader. Also anyone who is interested in submitting family photos for the yearbook can submit those to CPT. Bromenschenkel at Ryan.Bromenschenkel@us.army.mil. All photos submitted are subject to submission by the Editor.

## PIONEERS

A week in the life of the Cobra Med Team:

Greetings from the Cobra Liar at Baghdad International Airport (BIAP), Iraq. It has been an eventful week for the Cobra Med Team. As usual, the Cobra Med Team continues to be busy providing the best possible care to 2BCT and BIAP. This week, three letters can explain the focus...C.L.S. (combat lifesaver). C Company not only conducts combat lifesaver courses for the soldiers of the 47th FSB, but other units in BIAP. Our name has been spread throughout BIAP that units are coming to us for class slots. And as usual, C Company never says "no" when it comes to supporting. I would like to thank SGT Bridgette and his assistants in making the courses happen. As the CLS motto goes, "We keep them alive until the medics arrive!"

As far as quality of life, the internet is still going and the phones are operational. The special event this week was the first ever "Beat the CSM Run." It was an event full of physical fitness and most of all...fun! Hooah...CSM Tobin! Thanks for the memorable event. Lastly, I would like to say to the friends and families of the Cobra Med Team that the soldiers here appreciate and thank you for all the support and love all of you have given. We will see all of you soon!

Cobras!

**CPT Joselito Lim**  
**Cobra 6**

## RAMS

Despite the unpredictability in the daily lives of soldiers serving in Baghdad, the men of C Company, 40<sup>th</sup> Engineer Battalion constantly strive to remember the real reason they are here, to build a brighter future for the people of Iraq. Nowhere has that been more evident then when the Soldiers of A&O and Headquarters platoons ventured into the community of Salhiya, Baghdad to begin work on school improvements. The project, to be funded by task force 1-35 armor through the 2<sup>nd</sup> Brigade Combat Team, will concentrate on the necessary furniture and supplies that the five schools require better instruct the pupils.



The mission began nearly five months ago when C company's 1<sup>st</sup> Platoon, under the leadership of 1LT Jeter, began to contract projects to rebuild the schools which had fallen into disrepair after the fall of the former regime. The schools had been repaired and reopened just in time for the new Iraqi school year to begin. Through the course of the year however, the teachers began to discover other deficiencies.

When 1LT Holbrook, 1SG Bailey, the men of A&O, and the platoon's long time interpreter Mohammed, arrived at the schools they were met not only with a crowd of excited children but also an anxious staff. The principles of each school gave the soldiers a tour of their schools and created a list of issues and supplies that they needed to better perform their duties. The soldiers and administrators discussed everything from security to sports, as well as overcrowded classrooms. In many cases the desks were crammed with three students when they





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were meant for only two, many rooms had no windows, and still others had no power.



After discussing all the problems with the five schools, one soldier, SGT Aaron Kimes took the opportunity to spread a little good cheer to the children. Thanks to a shipment of candy canes from SGT Kimes' mother the children in an all girls school were able to enjoy a little bit of candy as a reward for their hard work in school. After leaving the schools, the hard work began, with Mohammed getting estimates from local contractors. Soon the teachers will begin to see real progress when their much needed supplies begin to arrive and the soldiers of C company and the 40<sup>th</sup> Engineer Battalion will have completed another mission in support of building the future of Iraq.

## **THUNDER**

Another month has passed which means the Thunder Battalion is one month closer to coming home. The realization of redeployment is becoming clearer with each passing day, especially when we see elements of the unit replacing us. The leadership of 1-9 CAV from the 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Division visited in early February and is setting the conditions for a successful transition.



Although redeployment is on everybody's minds, the Thunder Battalion continues to focus on its primary mission, the defeat of insurgents and the rebuilding of our area of Baghdad. This past month we captured twenty-seven enemy personnel. Twelve of these were specifically targeted for their involvement in the financing, re-sourcing, planning and conducting insurgent activities.

On February 11, 2004, terrorists conducted a ruthless car bomb attack in our sector that claimed the lives of nearly 50 Iraqi men waiting to enter the New Iraqi Army. We all pray for the families of these brave Iraqi's who gave their lives to defend the "New Iraq." This attack was a desperate attempt to undermine the progress we are making in Baghdad. Significantly, the direct attacks against our forces have diminished to nearly nothing as a result of our operations.

Our redeployment is rapidly approaching and after a mandatory 7-day reintegration program upon return to Baumholder, leaders and soldiers will have an opportunity to take a well-deserved rest with their families. I will ask everyone to maintain the same level of discipline upon return that they have shown here in Baghdad. This way, we will all be able to enjoy our reunion with our loved ones and the Baumholder Community.

## **Hurricanes**

Hello to all Team Hurricane families and friends from Baghdad. I am incredibly happy to report that this is the last newsletter for Operation Iraqi Freedom. It has been a long and difficult journey, but it is now near an end. Over the last year, every single person here in Baghdad and back at home greatly exceeded our expectations. The successful completion of our mission here is a direct result of the



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masterful performance by every family member; you allowed us to focus on finishing the fight here.

We are currently supporting the battalion's gunnery density. Our fire supporters, signalmen, artillery surveyors, and battalion tactical action center are ensuring that we redeploy with all gun crews qualified. In addition, we are continuing the fight here in the zone. Although we have broken the back of the enemies of a free Iraqi, we want to ensure that we destroy every remnant before we hand the zone over to our replacements.

Our success in zone is once again attributable to masterful performance of every one of our soldiers. They have truly risen to every challenge, and they continue to impress me and every person that comes in contact with them.

Many of us are becoming increasingly busy with the preparation for redeployment down to Kuwait and back to Germany. We will ensure that we execute this mission with the same intensity and focus on safety that we have for every other mission. I want to get every soldier home to you as quick and safely as possible. The rear detachment and the FRG will have further information on our redeployment as we get closer to the date.

We will have a battery organizational day on July 16<sup>th</sup> to celebrate our successes here and at home. Please come and enjoy some fellowship. When we return, we will publish more details on this event. We are all looking forward to seeing you when we return to Baumholder. May God bless all of you.

## **CHAPLAIN'S CORNER**

### **How God's Word Will Make You Free**

John 8:31-32

*Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free."*

Notice carefully what Jesus actually said. It is not those who "start in the word" or "try the word for awhile" who will be made free. You must continue in Jesus' message -- His Word. It must be His accurate message -- not just someone's idea of it, or tradition.

Some translations use the word "abide" instead of "continue." Abide means to stay somewhere continually. Either way, the meaning involves staying with it.

Note that Jesus said in verse 32, "and you will KNOW the truth . . ." Just hearing the truth does not necessarily make you free. You must KNOW that it is the truth. When you KNOW something, you will act on it. If you are not acting on something, you do not yet truly KNOW it. You act on what you know. Hearing the truth is not enough. Loving the truth is not enough. Even speaking the truth is not enough. You must continue until you know that you know that you know that you know. Only then are you at the point where truth will make you free. The reason is that only then will you be able to act with faith and boldness on God's Word.

The devil is against you and is intent on keeping you in bondage. Only when you KNOW where you stand will you act in faith and overcome the strategies of the devil. You may ask, "How can I KNOW the truth? I just have weak faith."

Jesus gave the answer: continue in His Word. As you continue in the Word of God you will become convinced -- you will know -- you will have faith. When you reach the point of knowing something -- you will act on that knowledge. In this way the truth will make you free.

This works in every area of life: your relationships, your health, your finances -- everything. Continue in the Word of God in any subject -- and you will eventually see the fruit of freedom in that area of your life. God gave you His Word for your benefit -- not for His benefit. He already knows the truth, and always acts on it. You are the one who needs help. Because God loves you, He gave you His Word.

**SAY THIS:** I will continue in the message of Jesus Christ. As I do I will know the truth. As I act on that truth it will make me free.





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## **BAUMHOLDER INFORMATION**

### **MARCH**

12 Job Fair, Rheinlander, 10am -3pm  
15 USAREUR Training Holiday  
26 Volunteer reception  
27 Free Concert Contemporary Rock Group  
30 Town Hall, 4pm  
31 Deployment Support Group, 9am  
LINKS, 10am

### **APRIL**

2 USAREUR Training Holiday  
No DODDS School  
4 Daylight Saving Time Begins  
5-9 DODDS Spring Break  
9 Good Friday, German Holiday  
11 Easter Sunday, Brunch at Rheinlander  
12 Easter (Ostermontag), German Holiday  
23 Buccaneer Night, 5:30pm, Rheinlander  
27 Town hall, 4pm, Rheinlander  
28 Deployment Support Group, 9am  
LINKS, 10am

### **MAY**

9 Mother's Day, Brunch at Rheinlander  
25 Town Hall meeting, 4pm  
26 Deployment Support Group, 9am  
LINKS, 10am  
28 USAREUR Training Holiday  
31 Memorial Day

## **DoDDS CALENDAR**

- 1st Tuesday of the month SAC Meeting, Baumholder High at 1630
  - 3rd Thursday of the month SAC Meeting, Wetzlar Elementary at 1430
- 02 April No School, Teachers Work Day  
05 April Spring Recess Begins  
12 April Instruction Resumes  
23 April 1700 Buccaneer Night  
13 May Acceleration Date  
31 May No School, Memorial Day  
04 June High Graduation  
09 June Last Day of School

## **PUBLIC AFFAIRS HOST NATION EVENTS**

13-14Mar Volksmarch at Wolfstein  
13-14Mar Husky-Wildlife-Camp at Losheim lake  
19Mar Musical Star life, Stadttheater I-O  
20Mar Traditional Spring market at Berschweiler  
20-21Mar Volksmarch at Kirn-Sulzbach  
25-28Mar Easter market at St. Wendel  
28Mar Flea market at Metz, France  
28Mar Kusel Open Sunday, Shops are open  
1AprPalm market at St. Wendel  
2Apr Concert Vienna Blood, Stadttheater I-O

## **RHEINLANDER EVENTS**

- Family Night- Pizza, pasta, and salad buffet
- Wednesdays, 18-2100, ONLY \$4 for kids under 12!
- Internet only 9 cents/minute in the Cyber Zone!!

## **OUTDOOR REC TRIPS**

- 19-20 Mar Crystal shopping – Karlovy Vary, Czech
  - 26-27 MarPottery shopping trip to Poland
- Seats are limited – so call today to reserve your space! DSN 485-7182.**

## **CYS**

**POC: Joanne Hernandez, 485-7198**

### **Spring Break Activities for Teens**

Roller-skating and shopping at Vogelweh  
Holiday Park in Hassloch  
Bitburg Air Base and swimming  
Cookout at the Underground for middle school students.

**Pick up activity schedule at local youth center. Participants must be registered with Child & Youth Services.**

### **Kids' Night Out**

1st-6th grade @ Smith SAS, 485-6641  
Sat, 13 Mar 1800 – 2200  
Must be registered with CYS  
Pay at time of sign-up, \$6/child  
Spaces limited







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## Parents' Night Out

Infant-Kindergarten @ Dispensary CDC, 485-7203/7328

Sat, 13 Mar 1800 – 2200

Must be registered with CYS

Pay at time of sign-up, \$10/child

Spaces limited.

## Easter Egg Hunt

POC: Steve Ferguson, 485-8249

Date: Sunday 11 Apr

Time: to be announced

Rheinlander lawn and Iron Soldier Park

## ARMY FAMILY TEAM BUILDING (AFTB)

**Next Class:** March 16 – 18<sup>th</sup> from 17:30-21:00,

**Level II** All classes are held at the AFTB Classroom. Health Clinic Complex Building 8745 Room 11 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor. For any questions please call Mari Haley, AFTB Program Coordinator at 485 - 8542 or 06783 - 6 - 8542.

## EMPLOYMENT ORIENTATION CLASS

**POC: CAMILLE JACKSON, 485-6046**

12 March 04, 10:00am-3:00pm, at the Rheinlander Important Information regarding military spouse preference. Defining federal and private sector opportunities. Application procedures. Basic Resumix start-up information. Volunteer opportunities

## RE-INTEGRATION AFTER DEPLOYMENT

ACS Spouses Reunion Training. Training can help reduce reunion stress, improve marital communication and teach signals that may indicate a need for help. Training is every Wednesday. Child care is available provided your reserve with ACS in advance. **We can even come to your FRG meeting for group training sessions (day or evening).** Call DSN 485-8188.

## FRG training scheduled thus far:

C/40th ENG-- 9 Mar 1800 – 2000

HHB 4-27--10 Mar 1830 – 2000

HHC 2-6-- 11 Mar 1700 – 2030

C/4-27--24 Mar 800 – 1100

**Schedule current as of 10 Feb 04.**

## BAUMHOLDER EDUCATION CENTER

- Registration for Term 4 classes is currently on-going.
- Adult Education English as a Second Language (ESL) Course T/Th 9-11. 30 March – 21 May. Sign up at the Ed. center.
- Parlez vous Francois? The Ed center is offering a class in conversational French. 30 March –21 May T/Th 18:00 – 20:00.
- Conversational German 1 and II offered. Call for details.
- Army Emergency Relief Spouse Education Assistance Application - contact the Ed. center or ACS for more information.
- New financial aid forms for 2004-5 will be available in late March online or at the Ed. center. FAFSA forms are available now!

**Visit the Education Center in building 8332 or call 485-7557**

<http://www.baumholder.army.mil/education>

## COMMUNITY RELIGIOUS SUPPORT

### WORSHIP SERVICES

- Catholic Masses
  - 1100, Sunday, St. Michael Chapel #2 (Smith)
  - 1800, First Saturday of the month *En Espanol*, Chapel #2 (Smith)
  - 1200, Daily duty day Mass, St. Michael Chapel #2 (Smith)
- Collective Protestant Worship Services
  - 0930, Sunday, Good Samaritan Chapel #1 (Smith)
  - 1100, Sunday, St. George Chapel (Strassburg)
- Lutheran Holy Communion Service
  - 0800, Sunday, Good Samaritan Chapel #1 (Smith)
- Gospel Worship Service
  - 1230, Sunday, Good Samaritan Chapel #1 (Smith)
- Korean Assembly of God Worship Service
  - 1600, Sunday, Good Samaritan Chapel #1 (Smith)



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## TAX CENTER

FREE Income Tax Assistance!  
Federal & State Returns  
Electronic Filing

## **VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!**

Free IRS tax training will be provided  
Call 485-6506 now!

LOCATION: Building 8670, next to Community Bank  
DSN: 485-8644  
HOURS: Mon-Thurs 0900-1700 Fri 0900-1500

## BAUMHOLDER COMMUNITY SPOUSES CLUB

**Come join us at the March luncheon on March 17 at 1130 in the Rheinlander.** The theme is "Welcome Home Heroes". The speaker will be from ACS to help us welcome home our own hero in the best way possible. Childcare will be provided on site if you contact Cher Lim by March 3 at [cher.lim@us.army.mil](mailto:cher.lim@us.army.mil) or BC/189 302

## **It's Not Too Late to Join!**

Memberships are available for \$8.00 for the rest of the year (ending in May 2004). Applications are available at the Thrift Shop and the Welcome Center or contact the Membership Secretary, [Jill.Watson@us.army.mil](mailto:Jill.Watson@us.army.mil) for further information.

## **Changes Are Coming!**

Due to the re-deployment of troops to Baumholder, our May luncheon will be held on May 5, instead of May 19. Childcare reservations are due to Cher Lim no later than April 21 at [cher.lim@us.army.mil](mailto:cher.lim@us.army.mil)

The Thrift Shop will be closed May 15 - June 6 so that the employees may spend time with their spouses. When they re-open, the Thrift Shop will be open on all Training Holidays.



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